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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS. P,E,M, AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

CHARLES W. ROBINSON

I CALLED IN THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCIAL MINISTER TO (1) EXPLAIN THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA DECISION THE PRESIDENT MUST TAKE BEFORE HE MEETS WITH THE HEAD OF THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN OKLAHOMA TOMORROW EVENING, AND (2) TO URGE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT A 15 MILLION POUND VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ITS 1976 QUOTA SO AS TO AVOID TRIGGERING MANDATORY U.S. IMPORT QUOTAS. THIS APPROACH WAS IN LIEU OF AN EARLIER PLAN TO SEND A DIRECT APPEAL FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER FRASER; THIS HAS PROVED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE DUE TO THE PRESIDENT'S CROWDED SCHEDULE IN CALIFORNIA TODAY. I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD

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ACCEPT THIS SOLUTION AS PROVIDING ADEQUATE BASIS FOR

RESISTING DEMANDS BY THE CATTLEMEN FOR IMMEDIATE TRIGGERING OF MANDATORY QUOTAS, BUT I SAID WE WOULD SO URGE IF AUSTRALIA COOPERATED. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED TO SEEK AN OVERNIGHT DECISION, MADE DIFFICULT BY FRASER'S ABSENCE IN INDONESIA AND THE ABSENCE OF SEVERAL OTHER CABINET MINISTERS. I AM IN TOUCH WITH SCOWCROFT AND SEIDMAN WHILE AWAITING THE AUSTRALIAN REPLY.

I LUNCHEDED WITH BOB SEAMANS (AND WIN LORD) AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO DISCUSS WITH HIM HOW TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD ARE GOING TO AFFECT OUR POLICY OPTIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. WE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF OUR TWO AGENCIES TO HAVE AN INFORMAL LIAISON AT THE POLICY LEVEL SO THAT WE DON'T FIND OURSELVES GOING OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THIS IS SOMETHING WIN AND I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SEAMANS.

I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF JOHN CRIMMINS' COURTESY CALL TO BACKGROUND HIM IN GENERAL TERMS ON THE UPCOMING NON-PROLIFERATION INITIATIVE SO THAT HE WILL NOT BE TAKEN TOTALLY UNAWARES IF STEPS ARE TAKEN TO WHICH THE BRAZILIANS MIGHT REACT STRONGLY.

I MET WITH AMBASSADOR GHORBAL AND I AM COVERING THE CONVERSATION IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED D PRINCIPALS/REGIONAL MEETING; MET WITH EAGLEBURGER, AHERNE AND BROWN CONCERNING TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING; RECEIVED CREDENTIALS FROM AMB.-DESIGNATE KARAMAT OF SURINAM. ROBINSON

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